

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1-2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~composition of claim 1~~, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.
4. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~composition of claim 1~~, wherein the hydrophobic solvent in said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.
5. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~composition of claim 1~~, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 0.1 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.
6. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~composition of claim 1~~, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 10 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.
7. (canceled)
8. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~composition of claim 1~~, wherein the viscosity of ~~the~~ said composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise.
9. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~composition of claim 1~~, wherein less than 25% of the beneficial agent in said composition is released in 24 hours following administration *in vivo*.
10. (canceled)
11. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~composition of claim 1~~, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a suspension.

12. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~composition of claim 1~~, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a solution.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~composition of claim 13~~, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

15. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~composition of claim 13~~, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

16. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~composition of claim 13~~, wherein the hydrophobic solvent of said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

17-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~composition of claim 13~~, wherein the viscosity of ~~the~~ said composition is less than 500 centipoise.

20. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~composition of claim 13~~, wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein,

21. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~composition of claim 13~~, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a solution.

22. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~composition of claim 13~~, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a suspension.

23-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended): ~~The method of claim 25~~, A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:
a solvent mixture comprising one or more hydrophobic solvents, wherein the total amount of hydrophobic solvent or solvents have a solubility in water of less than 1 wt% and wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent and a hydrophilic solvent;
a bioerodible polymer; and
a beneficial agent,
the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel;
into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is no greater than a 25-gauge needle.

27. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~claim 25~~, wherein the needle is a 28-gauge needle.

28. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~claim 25~~, wherein the needle is a 30-gauge needle.

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended): ~~The method of claim 29~~, A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:
a solvent mixture, comprising
a hydrophobic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%; and
a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and
a beneficial agent,
the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel; and
wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;
into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is no greater than a 25-gauge needle.

31. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~claim 29~~, wherein the needle is a 28-gauge needle.

32. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~claim 29~~, wherein the needle is a 30-gauge needle.

33-43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended): The method of claim 26 ~~composition of claim 1~~, wherein the viscosity of ~~the~~ said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

45-47. (canceled)

48. (currently amended): The method of claim 30 ~~composition of claim 13~~, wherein the viscosity of ~~the~~ said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

49-54. (canceled)